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Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
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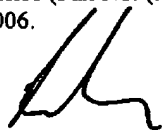
Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Applicant-Initiated Interview Request.

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In compliance with MPEP 713.01, this request is submitted to the Examiner in advance of the interview, and in a form equivalent to Form PTOL-413A.

The proposed date and time of the interview is November 16th, at 9:30 a.m. The type of interview requested is personal. Tentative participants are Brian Schar, attorney for Cardica, Inc., and Examiner Diane D. Yabut. Supervising Primary Examiner of Art Unit 3734, Michael J. Hayes, is also a tentative participant, at the discretion of Examiner Yabut. An exhibit may be shown: a demonstration model of Cardica's PAS-Port® proximal anastomosis tool. A short animation of the operation of that tool may also be shown.

The issues to be discussed include:

- (1) patentability of claims 3, 4, 6-9, 12-17 and 19-20 over U.S. Pat. No. 6,605,098 to Nobis et. al. ("Nobis") because Nobis does not disclose each and every element of the claims;
- (2) patentability of claims 1, 10 and 18 over Nobis in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,088 to Vargas et. al. ("Vargas") because neither Nobis nor Vargas teach or suggest every element of the claims; and
- (3) potential amendments to one or more claims in order to facilitate allowance also may be discussed.

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Assignee's attorney thanks the Examiner for her time and courtesy. Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

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